Meeting: General Council of the Graduate Student Association
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014
Chairperson: Gretchen Stricker, Vice President
Recorder: Gretchen Stricker, Rachel Bauer
Location: Room 215, Tate Hall
Distribution: Posted – gsa.missouri.edu/

Officers Present:
Maxwell Philbrook, President
Gretchen Stricker, Vice President
Sarah Lirley McCune, Treasurer
Rachel Bauer, Secretary
Matt McCune, Webmaster

Call to Order- Meeting called to order by VP Gretchen Stricker at 6:05pm

Approval of Minutes- Gretchen asked for approval of the minutes.

Welcome!
- President Maxwell Philbrook
- GSA Executive Board and Representative Introductions

Officer Reports
- Public Relations Officer, Matt McCune
  - Update on website rebuild
  - Travel Grant application update
  - Please like us on Facebook!
- Secretary, Rachel Bauer
  - Pleased to see new faces here!
  - If you are a new rep, and I don’t have your information, please see me.
- Treasurer, Sarah Lirley McCune
  - Update on travel grant awards, Cycle II
    - GSA Awarded 19 travel grants.
    - GSA awarded a total of $3,294.50, with an average of $173.73 per person.
    - $300 of this was for professional development, while $2,994.50 was for presenters.
  - Submit applications for upcoming travel grant Cycle III
    - For travel occurring from June 15 to September 14.
    - Deadline is September 30 by 5pm
    - New Location of Grad School: Room 265 McReynolds
  - We must have payment verification for all Travel Grant Applications.
- Vice President, Gretchen Stricker
  - Robert’s Rules Review/ Parliament Procedure Update
    - It is efficient organization of the meeting, but does not mean quick.
    - Does not mean we can go faster than normal.
    - Agreements=snapping
    - Amendments=have it in writing
    - Friendly Amendment
    - Bring something to the floor
- Presentations
  - Must be added to the agenda
  - Questions
  - Discussion
  - Voting if applicable.

- Programming Committee
- Annual Fall Picnic!
  - Saturday, September 13, 2014
  - Beginning at 5:00 pm
  - Bring a canned food!
- CV Docs
  - Brief Overview (More at next meeting)

- President
  - Grad School restructuring update
  - Full-Pay MA
    - Nalinda Wasala (MMI)-No MA will affect those who came for a PhD but get the MA along the way?
    - Matt McCune (PR Officer)-Don’t think it will affect them.
  - Graduate Student Bill of Rights
    - This caucus will be student-led.
    - President, Maxwell Philbrook will be leading the charge.
    - After completion, we will move to referendum.
      - We want to make this a legitimate document.
      - We need one GSA member to volunteer to serve on this committee.
        - Meetings will be weekly/ biweekly.
  - Graduate School Open House
    - Fridays in September from 2-4 pm.
    - Raffle for an iPad—bring a canned good.

- Old Business
  - Wrap up of last year.

- New Business
  - How are you elected in your departments?
    - Brief conversation.
  - Question raised: Arndt Gossel (Engineering)-What is the procedure for departments adding fees?
    - In Engineering, they went and just told the department this was happening.
    - Maxwell Philbrook (President)-There is a standing committee to review fees. The College of English got student feedback.
    - Arndt Gossel (Engineering)-Then did what they wanted.
    - Maxwell Philbrook (President)-It is a sneaky way to add tuition. What can we do? What is our position? This has been and will be an issue.
    - Matt McCune (PR Officer)-GPC passed a resolution to have a committee. We have asked the Chancellor to go through the students first.
    - Nalinda Wasala (MMI)-The same thing happened with us. Micro Bio cost fee. The department secretary does not know why it is there. Why the fee?
    - Kenneth Bryant Jr. (Political Science)-I took a class in Public Affairs and noticed a $75 per credit hour fee. It is happening all across the campus.
    - Maxwell Philbrook (President)-We will send out the GPC resolution.

- Announcements
Announcements from General Council

- GSA Picnic is September 13, 2014
- GPC event at Logboat Brewery is September 12, 2014

Next meeting is September 30, 2014 at 6:00pm.

- Adjournment
  - 7:15pm